Procurement of Helicopters by Pawan Hans

2555. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans has decided to hire helicopters from other countries for offshore exploration and tourism;

(b) if so, the number of helicopters to be acquired and the countries from whom it will be acquired;

(c) the number of helicopters the company has got at present; and

(d) the places of tourism interest where helicopters services are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has 30 helicopters in its fleet.

(d) At present, PHHL has been operation regular helicopter services for Mata Vaishno Devi. In addition, the helicopters deployed by PHHL in Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya are also being utilised for promotion of travel and tourism.

PHHL has plans for providing helicopter service to various tourist places such as Kedarnath-Badrinath, Pantnagar-Nainital *etc.*

Expenditure on advertisements by Indian Airlines

2556. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent on giving advertisements in the newspapers and periodicals language-wise by the Indian Airlines during 1999-2000 particularly between 18th April to 31st December, 2000; and

(b) the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of the Indian Airlines were given during the said period (separately)?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The details of expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines in the newspapers and